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AFIT-NPS Space Joint Oversight Board

Meeting Notes

The AFIT-NPS Joint Space Oversight Board met on 27 Jan 04 from 1400-1600 in room 4E869 of the Pentagon. The following board members, representatives and senior officers were present:

- The Honorable Peter B. Teets, Chairman
- Mr. Robert Dickman, SAF/US(D)
- RADM Rand Fisher, NRO/COMM
- Maj Gen Robert Kehler, SAF/USI
- Brig Gen Ted Mercer, AFSPC/XP
- Representative for BG Lennox, ARSTRAT/SMDC
- Representative for RADM Zelibor, OPNAV/N61
- Representative for BGen Zilmer, HQMC/PL

Proceedings:

The Board focused on two topics. The AFIT Board of Visitor Meeting and the Space Human Capital Resources Strategy.

AFIT Board of Visitor Meeting: Maj Hauboldt briefed slides prepared in anticipation of a board representative briefing the AFIT Board of Visitors 15 March. Discussion and editing followed. The recommendations of the AFIT-NPS Joint Space Oversight Board and were finalized. They are:

- Recommend that NPS and AFIT **preserve core curricular components** needed to leverage the breadth of space graduate education from operations to engineering to core sciences
- Recommend that NPS and AFIT **support creation of graduate-level certificate programs** in response to requirements identified by the National Security Space cadre development working group and the warfighters
- Recommend that NPS and AFIT initiate a **faculty exchange program** within the space academic groups
- Recommend that NPS and AFIT work toward **common admissions and funding policies** to better enable personnel from across National Security Space and our international partners to attend—uniformed military, DoD civilians, non-DoD civilians, and Industry
- Recommend that NPS and AFIT **actively recruit DoD and non-DoD “space professional” civilians** (on a reimbursable basis)
- Services work to **assign students to NPS and AFIT respectively based on academic strengths and past/potential duties as a space professional**
- **Establish goals** for graduate-level education for space professionals

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- Recommend all US Government personnel selected for NPS and AFIT graduate space programs **obtain SCI clearances** (MS programs to be identified by National Security Space cadre development working group)
- Recommend **broadening the AFIT-NPS Joint Space Oversight Board charter** to encompass National Security Space professional development, consistent with recent realignment of National Security Space

Space Human Capital Resources Strategy: Lt Col Lea briefed the results of formal coordination on the Space Human Capital Resources Strategy. There was discussion on the expansion of the responsibilities of the JSOB to include the responsibilities required of a senior officer forum by the strategy. Discussion continued on the topic of what the strategy hoped to accomplish.

Open Action Items:

1. Draft memo from Chair to AFIT-NPS joint academic steering group (and NPS, AFIT Superintendents)
 - Propose “future state” of space graduate education consistent with the Alliance MOA
 - Propose opportunities and constraints to:
 - align academic calendars;
 - faculty exchanges
 - student exchanges
 - coursework exchanges
 - recruitment of DoD and non-DoD civilians within National Security Space
 - identify specific NPS and AFIT graduate degrees within the space academic group
 - potential other areas of collaboration
2. Draft memo from Chair to AF/DP requesting:
 - AFIT institute a “fee for service” funding policy similar to NPS
 - Next AF IDE board match academic strengths and past/potential duties as a space professional (end philosophy of “AF to AFIT”)
3. Draft memo from Chair to DDNRO directing the allotment of SCI billets for all NPS and AFIT space students (based on AFIT and NPS identified definition of “space students”)
4. Concerning activities supporting the implementation of the Space Human Capital Resources Strategy
 - Ensure Services and NSS curriculum reviews support Alliance objectives
 - Ensure Services and NSS requirement reviews are fed back to NPS and AFIT
 - Codify the process for determining needs and translate this into personnel actions
 - Revise JSOB charter to an expanded “space cadre oversight board” which subsumes, yet preserves, the existing JSOB charter approved by SECNAV and SECNAV

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Administration:

Maj Hauboldt completed his duty as executive secretary for the board and was commended by the board and chair. Mr Teets presented Maj Hauboldt a coin in appreciation of his hard work and diligence. Lt Col Lea, on behalf of Maj Gen Kehler, assumed the administrative responsibilities of the executive secretary.

Meetings were directed to remain quarterly. The next meeting is anticipated to be scheduled for late April.

Old business should include

- New JSOB Charter
- Status of open action items
- Status of Space Human Capital Resources Strategy Implementation

New business items are TBD. Pending approval by the board the following items are being considered

- Space University Brief
- AFIT BOV and NPS BOA meeting outbriefs